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1. THE FOLLOWING COORDINATED EMBASSY/MILGP RESPONSE TO REFTEL IS KEYED TO THE LETTERED QUESTIONS OF PARA 1 OF THAT REFTEL:
A. HISTORICALLY THE INTERNATIONAL MILITARY & EDUCATION TRAINING (IMET) HONDURAN PROGRAM WAS DEVELOPED BY MILGP PERSONNEL. THIS INCLUDED SELECTION OF COURSES, ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES AND THE DIVIDING OF MONIES BETWEEN THE SERVICES. THE COMPLETED PLAN WAS THEN FORWARDED TO THE HOST COUNTRY FOR CONSIDERATION, ACCEPTANCE, AND/OR CHANGE. IN MOST INSTANCES THE PLAN WAS ACCEPTED OUTRIGHT WITH LITTLE OR NO COMMENT FROM THE HOST COUNTRY. WITH THE REDUCTION OF MONIES AVAILABLE, THE RISING COST OF TRAINING IN CONUS AND THE CANAL ZONE, AND THE POSSIBLE LOSS OF THE MILGP, HONDURAS AGREED TO ESTABLISH A TRAINING LIAISON OFFICE WITHIN THE MILGP AND TO PARTICIPATE IN TRI-SERVICE IN-COUNTRY CONFERENCES IN ORDER TO DEVELOP THEIR IMET PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM IS IN ITS INITIAL STAGES AND HAS ALREADY ACHIEVED LIMITED SUCCESS. THE FY 79 PROGRAM IS TO BE COMPLETELY
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DEVELOPED BY HONDURAS UNDER THE NEW SYSTEM. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PRIORITIES WITHIN EACH SERVICE AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN OVERALL TRI-SERVICE PRIORITY LIST.

B. SEE A ABOVE.

C. "FENCING" OF FUNDS FOR BOTH INTER-AMERICAN AIR FORCE

ACADEMY (IAAFA) AND THE SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS DID NOT PERMIT FLEXIBILITY IN PROGRAMMING A BALANCED TRAINING PLAN FOR HONDURAS. BY BALANCED PLAN WE MEAN THE USE OF MOBILE TRAINING TEAMS (MTT'S) C.Z. SCHOOLS AND CONUS SCHOOLS. IN HONDURAS THE TREND HAS BEEN TOWARD A GREATER USE OF MTT'S IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH IN-COUNTRY CAPABILITIES. IT IS EXPECTED THAT THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE. "FENCING" HAD NO EFFECT ON THE SELECTION OF THE TYPE OF TRAINING; HOWEVER, IT DID FORCE HONDURAS TO USE C.Z. SCHOOLS TO A GREATER EXTENT VIS-A-VIS THE USE OF CONUS SCHOOLS OR MTT'S.

D. THE ARMY IMET PROGRAM IS ORIENTED ON PROFESSIONALIZATION COURSES SUCH AS COMMAND & GENERAL STAFF (C&GS), INFANTRY OFFICER BASIC AND MANAGEMENT COURSES. THIS SHOULD NOT CHANGE. THE ARMY SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEND APPROXIMATELY 30 TO 35 STUDENTS TO THE CANAL ZONE EACH YEAR UNTIL THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THEIR IN-COUNTRY COURSES. THE USE OF ARTILLERY COURSES IN CONUS MAY CONTINUE AT THE RATE OF ONE OR TWO STUDENTS EACH YEAR. THIS IS, HOWEVER, UNCERTAIN DUE TO THE SHIFT AWAY FROM USING CONUS SCHOOLS. NAVY AND AIR FORCE ARE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING RELYING HEAVILY ON SMALL CRAFT INSPECTION & TECHNICAL TRAINING (SCIATT) AND IAAFA. THE NAVY SHOULD CONTINUE TO SEND 30 TO 40 STUDENTS TO SCIATT AND THE AIR FORCE 60 TO 70 STUDENTS TO IAAFA. THE AIR FORCE CAN BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO SEND 1 STUDENT TO AIR COMMAND & STAFF (ACSC) AND 1 TO 2 STUDENTS TO THE SQUADRON OFFICER COURSE (SOS) EACH YEAR. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT ALL PREVIOUS TRAINING PROGRAMS WERE CLOSELY COORDINATED WITH THE ARMED FORCES OF HONDURAS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR COMPUTER PRINTOUTS OF FY 76, 75, CONFIDENTIAL

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AND 77 FOR SPECIFIC PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL COURSES LISTED THEREIN.

E. IF ALL TECHNICAL AND RELATED COURSES WERE OFFERED ON THE BASIS OF IMET PAYING TUITION ONLY, THE HOST COUNTRY WOULD CONTINUE TO OPT FOR CANAL ZONE TRAINING IN THE SAME QUANTITY AS DISCUSSED IN PARAGRAPH D. NO STUDENTS WOULD BE SENT TO CONUS SCHOOLS.

F. PROFESSIONAL TRAINING WOULD CONTINUE IN THE C.Z. AT THE SAME LEVEL OF STUDENTS ON THE BASIS OF IMET PAYING TUITION COSTS ONLY. FOLLOWING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN IN-COUNTRY CAPABILITY, THERE WOULD BE A SHARP DROP IN THE QUANTITY OF STUDENTS ATTENDING C.Z. SCHOOLS. THE AIR FORCE COULD BE EXPECTED TO CONTINUE TO SEND ONE OFFICER TO ACSC AND 2 OFFICERS EACH YEAR TO SOS.

G. IF IMET DISCONTINUED FUNDING TECHNICAL AND RELATED TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, HONDURAS WOULD, MORE THAN LIKELY,

ABANDON ALL U.S. SPONSORED TRAINING AND RESORT TO THIRD COUNTRIES.

H. SEE G ABOVE.

I. PLANS ARE ALREADY UNDERWAY TO ESTABLISH A C&GS COURSE AND AN INFANTRY OFFICER BASIC COURSE IN HONDURAS. ONCE ESTABLISHED, HONDURAS PLANS TO SEND THE MAJORITY OF THEIR STUDENTS TO THEIR COURSES IN LIEU OF ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOLS OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTRY. THE ELIMINATION OF TECHNICAL AND RELATED COURSES IN THE CANAL ZONE WOULD PRESENT A SERIOUS TRAINING PROBLEM TO HONDURAS. AT THE PRESENT TIME, SUITABLE ALTERNATIVES TO REPLACE SUCH TRAINING DO NOT EXIST.

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J. ATTENDEES AT PROFESSIONAL COURSES ARE SELECTED BASED ON GRADE, TIME IN GRADE, AND, DEPENDING ON THE COURSE, A COMPETITIVE WRITTEN EXAMINATION. ATTENDEES ARE SELECTED BY HOST COUNTRY USING THE SYSTEM DESCRIBED ABOVE AND THEN SCREENED BY THE MILGP. HOST COUNTRY TRAINING PRIORITIES NORMALLY COINCIDE WITH THOSE OF THE MILGP.

K. BECAUSE OF THE TREND AWAY FROM THE USE OF CONUS SCHOOLS, A REFUSAL TO FUND ENGLISH LANGUAGE TRAINING UNDER IMET WOULD HAVE MINIMAL EFFECT. THE HONDURAN AIR FORCE IS THE ONLY SERVICE EMPHASIZING ENGLISH TRAINING. IN ALL PROBABILITY THE AIR FORCE WOULD INTENSIFY ITS IN-COUNTRY ENGLISH LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION.

L. HONDURAS WOULD BE ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE RELOCATION OF
C.Z. SCHOOLS TO CONUS PROVIDED THAT INSTRUCTION WAS CONTINUED
IN SPANISH. THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS COMMENTS FROM TIME TO
TIME FROM ARMY C&GS STUDENTS EXPRESSING DISSATISFACTION WITH
FAMILY LIVING CONDITIONS IN COLON. IN FACT, NUMEROUS HONDURAN
OFFICERS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT C.Z. SCHOOLS BE MOVED TO CONUS.
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